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An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (the Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Our next general meeting will be on November 23, 2010, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on November 23, 2010, immediately following the general meeting.

Our Society's Purpose: The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' interests in the earth sciences and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

Our Membership Requirements: Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. Ruth Bailey handles all aspects of mailing. Exchange bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

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For information on a study group, please call the leader(s) listed below

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Facet Cutters	Max Casey	(408) 227-0526
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Jewelers	Marc Mullaney	(408) 691-1584
Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327

Prez Mez by Marc Mullaney

What's in this issue?

Well, it is election month not only on the federal, state and local levels, but, also your favorite rock club, SCVGMS, will be having their election at the November 23rd meeting. We have almost a full slate of officers except for Secretary. Please consider volunteering or allowing yourself to be nominated at the November meeting.

As an added bonus we will be having our silent auction, so bring lots of stuff that you would like to buy and put it out for the other members to bid on it. I have gotten some wonderful items in the past to include small mammal tracks from Arizona, polished half of a cobble of Burmese jade and lots of other stuff.

On December 7, 2010, we will have our Installation Dinner (and Christmas party) to swear in our new board of directors and thank the outgoing board. The dinner is catered by Willow Street Restaurant and the meal has been fantastic for the last two years. You need to sign up by the November general meeting because we have limited seating. We have invited two Marines, who are representing the Marine Corp's Toy for Tots program, to have dinner with us. Each attendee is asked to bring a new unwrapped toy or toys. The club has supported this program for at least the last 40 years.

Thank you and see you at the November meeting on the 23rd. Don't forget to bring something to donate to the silent auction and most importantly, don't forget your wallet or checkbook.

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Silent Auction at the November 23rd Meeting

Members are requested to bring items to donate to the auction. Rocks, books, anything rock-related, baked goods, jewelry, minerals, fossils, or anything that you would bid on.

This is a great place to pick up some fantastic specimens for rock bottom prices. Don't forget cash or your check- book. No credit cards taken.

Questions?? Call John Palmieri (408) 272-2369

Member displays by Rick Kennedy

This month's program was on Baja California which evidently has some pretty elusive rocks since none of us brought any! Luckily for us, Jim Nelson saved the day by bringing a number of pictures and shells from some of his trips to Baja California. He also endeared himself to us by bringing free stuff, too! Old (sorry, I meant to say antique) issues of Rock and Gem Magazine as well as conch shells. Thanks Jim!

Next month the Member Displays will be dark as all of the tables will be filled with the fantastic stuff we bring for the Silent Auction. As I said at the meeting, make it hurt a bit. Give away something you like and that someone else will like... and pay lots of money for! Yours truly is going to put his money (or at least his rocks) where his mouth is and bring in items worth at least \$200.00! If you don't feel you can bring in good stuff, then bring lots of cash and buy some good stuff!

Rockhound of the month

September
Herb Vogel

October
Chuck Boblenz

Have you nominated a member for Rockhound of the Month?

Please give your recommendation to Marc Mullaney. You can contact him at a meeting or by email at geologistm45@gmail.com. Please include a short note about what this member has done in support of the society.

I wonder who will be the next Rockhound of the month. Could it be you?

Sunshine

Grace Santos has Guillen-Barre Syndrome and she writes, "This is a fairly "rare" disease, an auto-immune disease that suddenly makes your body develop antibodies against its' own nerve cells. It makes the nerve cells unable to transmit signals in the body. It most commonly affects the legs, hands, and in the worst case, the lungs, in which case a person has to go on life support. It is thought that this disease follows a viral infection. But the good news is that it is self-limiting, if you don't have respiratory failure, and most people get their full function back after a few months." Grace has progressed from walker to cane, and plans to be back at work in another few weeks.

Herb and Roselies Vogel's grandson, Steven Zierk, won under 18 category of the World Youth Chess Championship on October 30th in Greece. Steven ranked 26th when he entered the competition. Congratulations to Steven and his proud grandparents, Herb and Roselies.

If you know of a society member who has been or is ill, had a death in the family, or has had a great event happen in their life, please contact Ernestine Smith with the news. Ernestine's phone number is (408) 395-5035, or email her at ebotts@juno.com.

2011 Slate of SCVGMS officers & board of directors

President: Randy Harris
Vice President: Carol Pimentel
Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Frank Mullaney
Editor: June Harris
Federation Director: Ruth Bailey
Alt. Fed. Director: Chuck Boblenz
Board of Directors:
1. Marc Mullaney
2. Art Pimentel
3. Max Casey
4. Michael Paone
5. Rick Kennedy
Historian: Michael Paone
Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

Mineraleers by Chuck Boblenz



The Mineraleers met on October 5th at the Boblenz' residence with six attendees. The topic was garnets and a number of fine specimens were shared with the group.

The next meeting will be on November 9th at the Boblenz residence starting at 7:30 PM. The topic will be cinnabar and Colleen McGann will sharing some of the many specimens she has accumulated over the years and that she uses in her displays. Plan now to come out and join us and bring your specimens of Cinnabar to share with us. Please call Jeri or I at (408) 734-2473 to reserve your place with us. Hope to see you here.

Smithies by Pat Speece



We're cuttlefish bone casting during our November class/workshop. A cuttlefish is related to the squid, and the bone is soft and carve-able. Metal is heated to melting and flowing point, then poured into the cuttlebone mold. We will repeat this class/workshop in January. We aren't meeting in December.

If you would like to be on the Smithie email list, let me know at pat.speece@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to be on the Smithie telephone list, let me know at 408-266-4327. If you would like to be in the January class, let me know.

Cutaways and Carvers



The Cutaways and Carvers group meets on the second Saturday of the month at John Eichhorn's house from 1 pm to 4 pm. Please call John for more information and directions (408) 749-0523.

We have all the tools and materials necessary for classes, but you are welcome to bring your own. Classes are held at my home. Questions? Email or phone. Thanks.

What do the Smithies do? We make jewelry using a torch, saw, files, polishers, et al. We teach you how and when to use the tools. You are welcome to use our tools, materials, and help. Beginners are always welcome.

Faceters



The Faceters will not be meeting on November 7th from 9AM to noon at Max Casey's home. Please call Max at (408) 227-0526 for directions and more information about this group.

**Next Demonstration Day
on November 13th
at the
Belwood Cabana Club
from 10AM – 3 PM**

**Come meet some of the study group
leaders and see what they do at their
meetings.**

**Installation Dinner
on December 7th
at the Cabana Club
at 7 PM**

**Reservation form
on page 10.**

**Reservation form due by
the November meeting.**

2010 SCVGMS Calendar



November 9th Mineraleers meeting at Chuck Boblenz' home.

November 13th Cutaways and Carvers meeting from 1PM and 4 PM at John Eichhorn's home.

November 13th Demonstration Day from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club

November 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM and Board meeting immediately following general meeting. Silent Auction throughout the evening. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction. They can be rock-related or not. 2011 election of officers and board of directors throughout the evening

December 7th Installation Dinner at the Cabana Club

December 9th Combined Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy and June Harris' home.

2011

January 25th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

January 27th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

February 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

February 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

March 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

March 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

April 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

April 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

May 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

May 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

June 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

June 30th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

July 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

July 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

August 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

August 25th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

September 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

September 29th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

October 25th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

October 27th Board meeting at 7:30 PM, location to be determined.

November 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM and Board meeting immediately following general meeting. Silent Auction throughout the evening. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction. They can be rock-related or not. 2012 election of officers and board of directors throughout the evening

Field Trip Schedule

For more information about the field trips below, please contact Dean Welder at fieldtrips@scvgms.org

November 6th Kramer Junction, CA for agates, jaspers, opalites with potential for peat bog. Much of the material is fluorescent.

November 7th Black Butte Reservoir, CA for jasper

November 24th-28th Afton Canyon and Basin Rd., CA for agate, jasper, fluorite, aragonite, seginite, onyx, etc.

November 25th-28th Wiley Wells District, CA for petrified bay laurel, ironwood, fire agate, chalcedony, pebble terrace, paisley agates, geodes, and nodules.

May 27th-30th, 2011 (Memorial Day Wkd) Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous, OR

There are articles in the November 2010 issue of the CFMS Newsletter about the following field trips: Kramer Junction, Wiley Wells District, and the Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous. The CFMS newsletter can be accessed at: <http://www.cfmsinc.org/> look under the newsletter section on the top of the webpage.

Welcome New SCVGMS Members

1. **John Lynch** - John is interested in fossils, carving, geology, and minerals.
2. **Mario Garcia** Mario is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, fossils, and faceting.

2011 SCVGMS Annual Show Update

Support the show, Support the club

Car Signs

Get them placed on your car. Call Julaine Mullaney to make an appointment.

Display case entry form for competitive and noncompetitive cases is available on page 9 of this newsletter.

For help with entering a competitive display case, contact Ruth Bailey, Frank Mullaney, or Chuck Boblenz.

For **single item competition**, use the bottom half of the Display case entry form. Form is on page 9 of this month's newsletter. Rules on page 8 of this month's Breccia. Ruth Bailey can help you, if needed.

Poster and business card distribution.

Contact Marc Mullaney if you can help.

All Hands on Deck!! Workers needed for the following dates: April 13 & 14 Show Set-up April 15, 16 & 17 Annual Show

Mark your 2011 calendars to plan to help for a minimum of 8 hours.

Next show meeting

Date: December 13th
Place: Ruth Bailey's home
Time: 7:30 PM.
Everyone is welcome!!

2011 Show
Chairpersons needed for:
Security
Hospitality
Speaker coordinator
Setup/Teardown



Single Item Competition at the SCVGMS Annual Show

by Ruth Bailey

We will be sponsoring single item competition again at our show in April. We hope that more of our members will be able to participate this year. This gives us all a way to show our work and learn how our items compare to others.

The following are general rules for each category: All competitors shall be SCVGMS members. Each competitor shall be limited to one entry for each award offered. Each entry shall have been made within the last two (2) years. All workmanship must be done by the competitor. Each entry must be labeled with the name of the material and, where applicable, the technique(s) used. All items submitted need to have two labels, one with the competitor's name and one without the competitor's name, both with the material information.

All items will be judged by the Uniform Rules of the American Federation, and each item will start with 100 points. We are listing below the points which will apply to each group's entries. The points which are listed are the amount which the judges may deduct for problems with a particular part of your display.

Categories

Mineraleers: These are the points for Thumbnail Minerals as listed in the Rules:
Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 70.

Cutaways: These points are the most used in the Lapidary section:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 25; Variety, 10; Workmanship, 45.

Silversmiths: The points apply to the majority of the Jewelry category:
Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 10; Variety, 15; Workmanship, 35; Design,
10.

Fossileers: The points are the most commonly used in the Fossil section:
Labeling, 30; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 30; Rarity, 5; Variety, 20; Reference list, 5.

Facet Cutting: These points apply to Faceted Stones:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Variety, 10.

Carvers:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Design, 10.

Stringers:
Labeling, 10; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 55; Design, 15.

The Showmanship category covers the way your piece is set up for display. All of the items will be placed in a case with similar items, and you may bring a stand or similar display piece in order to show your piece to its best advantage.

Please get your application in to the Chairman as soon as possible, and you will need to have an application for each piece you are displaying. The application is on the bottom of the Display Case Application form. The form is on page 9 of this Breccia issue. If you have questions, give me a call at (408) 248-6195 and I will be glad to help. Items to be judged must be given to the Chairman on setup day.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Member Display Case Application
Annual Show - April 15, 16 & 17, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I WILL FURNISH MY OWN CASE: _____ DEPTH: _____ WIDTH: _____

I WILL NEED A CASE: _____

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION: _____

COMPETITIVE CASE: _____ NON-COMPETITIVE CASE: _____

COMPETITIVE CASE INFORMATION (Case to be judged by AFMS Uniform Rules)

Sub-Division: _____ Class: _____

Entry Level: Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____

Junior _____ Society _____

SINGLE ITEM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM *One entry per form, please.*

NAME OF COMPETITOR: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER: _____ Mineraleers _____ Cutaways

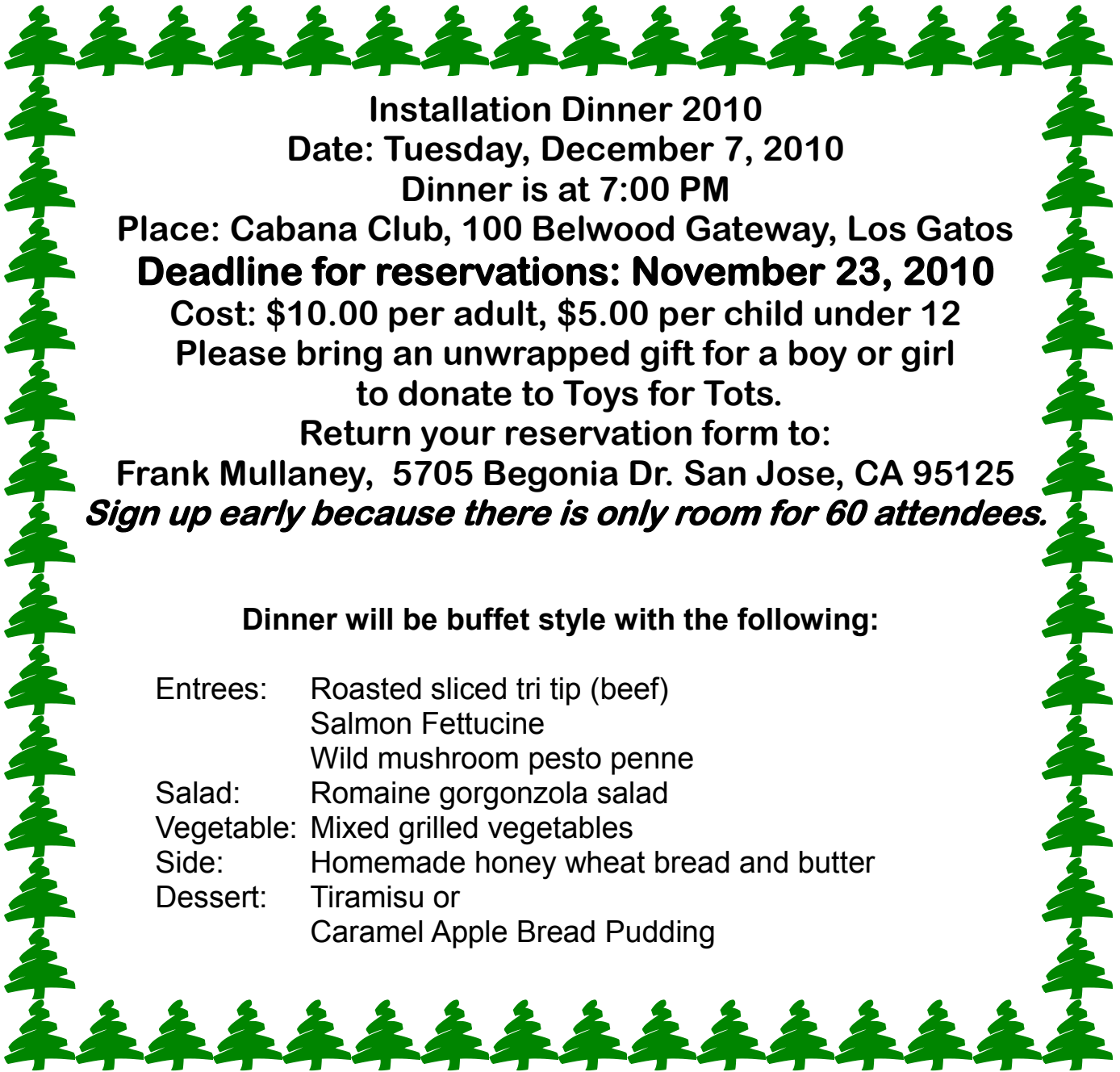
_____ Silversmiths _____ Fossileers _____ Carvers

_____ Facet Cutting _____ Stringers

TYPE OF ITEM: _____

Return this application on or before March 22, 2011 to:

**Member Display Co-Chairman
Frank Mullaney and Jay Rasmussen
5705 Begonia Drive
San Jose, CA 95124**



Installation Dinner 2010

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Dinner is at 7:00 PM

Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos

Deadline for reservations: November 23, 2010

Cost: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.

Return your reservation form to:

Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr. San Jose, CA 95125

Sign up early because there is only room for 60 attendees.

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

- Entrees: Roasted sliced tri tip (beef)
Salmon Fettucine
Wild mushroom pesto penne
- Salad: Romaine gorgonzola salad
- Vegetable: Mixed grilled vegetables
- Side: Homemade honey wheat bread and butter
- Dessert: Tiramisu or
Caramel Apple Bread Pudding

Reservation Form for Installation Dinner

Name: _____ Phone # : _____

Number of adults _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Number of children under 12 _____ X \$ 5.00 = _____

Please make checks payable to: Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Mail this form and your payment to:

Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



November 6-7 2010, Concord, CA, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord (in Clayton Fair Shopping Center), 5298 Clayton Rd., Hours: 10-5 both days, Harry Nichandos (925) 289-0454, Email: show9@ccmgs.org, Website: www.ccmgs.org

November 6-7 2010, Lancaster, CA, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14, Hours: 9-5 daily, Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861, Email: si-chaisson@yahoo.com, Website: palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 6-7 2010, Ridgecrest, CA, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 south Richmond Road, Hours: 9-5 both days, John DeRosa (760) 375-7905

November 12, 13, 14 2010, Sacramento, CA, Sacramento Mineral Society, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5, Bob Johnson (916) 339-7007, Website: <http://www.Sacramentomineralsociety.org>

November 13-14 2010, Yuba City, CA, Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall), 442 Franklin Ave., Hours: , Erik Anspaugh (916)567-9750, Email: inez_brg@yahoo.com

November 20-21 2010, Oxnard, CA, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5, Frank Bouich (805) 271-0538, Email: show_info@oxnardgem.com, Website: www.oxnardgem.com,

January 15-16 2011, Exeter, CA, Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Exter Memorial Bldg., 324 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exter, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133, Charles Reed (559) 784-6394, Webpage: tulegem.org

January 28,29 &30: Redlands, CA, Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Micromounters Symposium, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree, Hours: Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm, Sun. Field trip time to be set, Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435, e-mail: rhousley@its.caltech.edu, Webpage: mineralsocal.org (click on micromounters)

February 18-27, 2011, Indio, CA, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Gem amp;& Mineral Building Bldg #1, 46-350 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 am - 10 pm, Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674, Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 25-26, 2011, Northridge, CA, Del-Air Rockhounds, Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Blvd., 46-350 Arabia Street, Hours: Fri. 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Chris S. Ward , Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com,

February 25, 26,27, 2011, Newark, CA, Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley, Newaro Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue, Hours: Fri.and Sat. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Sun. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Larry Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007 , Email: showchair@mgscv.org, Website: www.mgscv.org Website: delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 5-6 2011, Arcadia, CA, Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc., Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 Baldwin Ave., Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30, Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624, Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com, Website: www.Moroks.com

March 5-6 2011, Ventura, CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4, Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com, Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043 / lilliananderson@juno.com, Website: vgms.org,

March 12-13 2011, Salinas, CA, Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Veteran's Hall ,Spreckels, CA, 5th & Llano Streets, Hours: Sat. 10-5 daily, Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 / KenKAren0337@att.net

March 19-20 2011, Bakersfield, CA, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society, Kern County Shrine Club, 700 south P. Street (P & Bell Terrace), Hours: 9-5 daily, Lewis Helfrich Home (661) 323-2663, Cell: (661) 378-4450 , Email: lewsrocks@bak.it.com

March 26-27 2011, Angels Camp, CA, Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA), Hwy 49 in Angels Camp, Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 9-4, Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579, Email: Tak2me@msn.com , Website: <http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org>

March 26-27 2011, Roseville, CA, Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd., Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4, Glori Marie (530) 367-2262, Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com, Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 8, 9 & 10 2011, Vista, CA, San Diego County Council, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: 9-5 daily, Ray Pearce (769) 726-7570, Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987, Simon King (619) 991-2226 Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 9-10, 2011, Mariposa, CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, Mariposa Co. Fairgrounds, Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of Mariposa, Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5, Diane (209) 742-7625, Email: mineralmuseum@sfi.net Website: www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/

April 15, 16, 17, 2011, San Jose, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: Fri 9-5, Sat & Sun 10-5, Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422, Email: info@scvgs.org, Website: www.scvgs.org

May 13-15 2011, Anderson CA, Northern California Treasures, Sponsored by: Superior California Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Paradise Gem & Mineral Club, Shasta District Fairgrounds - Anderson, CA , Near Redding, CA - Off Highway 273, Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Show Chairman: Steve Puderbough - steve@applyaline.com, Website: www.superiorcal.com Forms are on this site. Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com"](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

May 14-15 2011, Reno, NV, Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall, 1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Ann Johnson (775)544-4937, Email: ann.johnson@gmail.com, Website: renorockhounds.com

2010 Federation Shows

South Central Federation, November 13 & 14, 2010 DeRidder, Louisiana

2011 Federation Shows

AFMS and Eastern Federation show, July 7-10, 2011 in Syracuse New York

Midwest Federation show, September 8-10, 2011 in Toledo, Ohio

Northwest Federation show, July 29-31, 2011 in Chehalis, Oregon

Rocky Mountain Federation show, June 24-26, 2011 in Colorado Spring, Colorado

South Central Federation show, April 15-17, 2011 in Alpine Texas

2012 Federation Shows

Eastern Federation show, September 15-16, 2012 in Harrisburg, PA

AFMS and Midwest Federation show, July 26-29, 2012 in Wayzata, MN

Northwest Federation show, May 18-20, 2012 in Kennewick, WA

Results of the 2nd Annual Rock Tumbling Championship

The votes are in! Everyone attending the Rock and Gem show in Oroville, California the first weekend in October received a voting ballot along with their ticket. They were directed to the display case across from registration where the top five contestants were on display for all to enjoy and had an opportunity to vote for their favorite. Steve Hart, author of [Modern Rock Tumbling](#), had earlier screened the contestants and chose the best of the best to be on display for this event. The entries were judged on the quality of polish, freedom from pitting, shape and overall appearance of the stones.

Rock Tumbling enthusiasts from all over the world were invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Rock Tumbling Championship hosted by the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society of Oroville, California. Over fifty contestants, from as far away as South Africa, entered the contest and last May they received almost four pounds of rough Nevada Royal Jasper donated by mine owner, Randy Messer. They had until the end of September to return their best ½ pound of material.

Here are the best tumblers in the world for 2010:

First Place-\$250	Jim Miller -from the Maplewood Rock and Gem Club in Bothell, WA
Second Place-\$100	Tom Kuzia of Beacon Falls, CT (Last year Tom won third place)
Third Place-\$50	Susan Oglebay of Ephrata, WA

Also featured in the top five were Cliff Thomas of Austin, TX and Paul Musser of Export, PA.

Anyone interested in entering next year's contest should look for the application on the website www.oroillerocks.com. Randy Messer has already agreed to donate Nevada Royal Jasper for the 2011 contest.

The club is looking for a sponsor for the material used in the 2012 contest. Please contact FRL&MS through their website www.oroillerocks.com.

American Lands Access Association News by Dick Pankey, ALAA President

The American Lands Access Association works for and on behalf of the over 52,000 members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the millions of unaffiliated rockhounds and users of our public lands. ALAA monitors legislative and regulatory activity and issues to determine their impact on Public lands access and rockhounding activity. When a need is identified we issue a "call to action" to respond to the legislation or regulation. You don't have to be a member of ALAA to respond: to write letters, send emails, make phone calls, attend meetings, and to participate in the legislative and regulatory process. What I am asking for is that all members of AFMS, all rockhounds to get involved. To start with you need to educate yourself and learn about the issues, and then you need to respond.

John Martin wears many hats - AFMS Legislative and Conservation Chairman, ALAA webmaster, CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee - South Chairman and all of them deal with what is happening with legislation and regulations that affect rockhounds. John is doing an excellent job of informing us about pending and proposed legislation and regulation

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If you haven't done so recently check out the ALAA website. There is a wealth of information about ALAA and pending and proposed legislation and regulations - nationally and by state. In most cases the actual bills and regulations are posted. This gives you the opportunity to read, evaluate and form your own opinion. John sends out emails to ALAA members with alerts on new and time sensitive issues.

The Blue Ribbon Coalition always does a good job of monitoring and communicating to all of us legislation and regulations activity. For the past few months they have had good background information and current activity and meeting announcements for the American's Great Outdoors Initiative. Several of the ALAA Officers and Directors are on their Alert e-mail list and the amount of information they provide is amazing.

In the past we had a difficult time getting information and details on pending and proposed legislation and regulations. Most of the time we would learn about issues and meeting a few days before the end of the comment period, or the vote in congress, or scheduled meeting date. We were often scrambling and playing catch up. This has changed!! We now know about legislation soon after it is introduced and have copies of the bills within a few days. We are learning about some legislation when it is in the development/writing stage which gives us an opportunity to be proactive and participate in the process. We are learning about the regulatory process, also and have started attending the meetings for the development of Management Plans.

All of this is only useful to us if we respond to it in a meaningful and timely way. The BRC, John and others alert us to the issues and challenges of legislation and regulations that affect our access and collecting rights not just to provide us with interesting information but to call us to action to write letters, send emails or attend meetings.

This brings me to the real purpose of this message. We need informed members and rockhounds but to meet our goal and objective of having open access to our public lands we need involved members. The easiest way to become **involved** is to take a few minutes to write a letter or send an email; to make your voice heard. Your letters, emails and to make your voice heard. Your letters, e-mails and sometimes phone are important and have impact. This is how we let our representative and the regulators know what we want.

Numbers count; the more we send the more affect we have.

The work of ALAA is accomplished through the efforts of our member. We need members (and interested rockhounds) to share their skills, their talent, their interest and their time. We have accomplished a lot this past year and a half, but we could do more with more people involved. There are many tasks that we could do or do better or do more if we had the help. We need your help. Some ways to be an involved member are:

- ◆ Become informed about proposed legislation and the legislative process.
- ◆ Read the bills and regulations.
- ◆ Analyze them and determine their affect on rockhounds and access to public lands.
- ◆ Communicate your findings with ALAA through e-mails, and articles in our newsletter.
- ◆ Help develop an ALAA position statement.
- ◆ Become informed about proposed regulations and the regulatory process for BLM and the Forest Service.
- ◆ Get involved with the BLM or Forest Service office in your area.
- ◆ Develop a relationship with local personnel
- ◆ Get on their mailing list to be informed about activities, their Management Plan and meetings.
- ◆ Attend meetings and oarticipate and contribute in the process.
- ◆ Write letters, send e-mails, make phone calls, attend meetings to let your congressmen and the regulators know what you think and what you want.
- ◆ Share what you know and what you did with others and get them involved.

We especially need people to write articles about land access about ALAA, our goals and objectives for magazines to the general public - AARP, AAA, RV magazines, your local paper, etc.

The assault on our access to public land is great. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Will you help? Contact me to learn more about how you can help or contact any Officer, Director, or State Rep to volunteer your help.

Be an involved member!

You can download an ALAA membership application at:

[http://amlands.org/media/DIR_123/ALAA\\$20Membership\\$20Application\\$202009.pdf](http://amlands.org/media/DIR_123/ALAA$20Membership$20Application$202009.pdf)

Safety

Basic Needs – Water

By Bural LaRue

Water is so essential that a 1% decrease in normal levels makes us thirsty. Thirst after eating salty foods, even though the body has ample water indicates that thirst depends not only on how much water is in the body, but precise salt concentrations of stored water.

Thirst is a complex response with at least two different mechanisms. When body water content falls below a certain level, saliva decreases, the throat gets dry, and thus, the urge to drink. In addition, when body water content falls, there is a greater concentration of salt and other dissolved elements in the remaining cellular and bodily fluids. This increase is recognized by the brain and converted into the sensation of thirst by the same part of the brain as appetite controls. If the signal for more water is not answered, water is drawn from the cells and kidney functions are retarded to conserve fluid. A 10% water level drop (6% of body weight) causes mental deficiencies. 20% loss is usually considered fatal.

In the hot desert, a person may last only a few hours since hard exertion under these circumstances can cost upwards of 2 quarts per hour.

Thirst cannot tell how much or when to consume. Therefore, it is important to drink small quantities at frequent intervals, even if you do not feel thirsty.

If you choose to use a fluid replacement drink choose it carefully. The popular sports drinks each have different formulas worth studying. The body reacts differently to the various forms of calories. If the drink is too calorie-rich, it may empty from your stomach more slowly. It may be a good idea to try out the fluids under a variety of conditions before making a choice.

From Desert Sheriff's Search and Rescue Newsletter, 1996; via West End Prospectors Club, 8/98; via CFMS Newsletter, 11/10.

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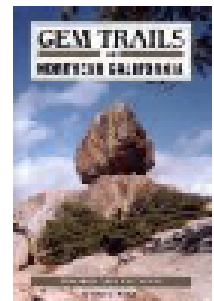
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SCVGMS Regular Membership Meeting
October 26th, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM at the Belwood Gateway Cabana Club.

Announcements: The Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 28th at Ruth Bailey's home, hosted by R. K. Owen. Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society is having their first annual Christmas Gem and Jewelry Craft Show on November 13th. The next meeting will be Election of Officers for 2011 and a Silent Auction. Please bring items to donate for the auction.

Minutes of the September 28th meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

New Members: No new members were present.

Correspondence: None.

Awards: Rockhound of the month for September was Herb Vogel, and for October is Chuck Boblenz. Randy and June Harris were presented with a certificate for being named AFMS Rockhound of the Year.

Sunshine: Grace Santos is feeling better. Michael Paone and Nancy Reineking's son had a liver transplant and is doing well.

Study Groups: See listings in the Breccia.

DRC: Over \$577 was raised at the last rock sale. The rocks are put away until spring.

Hospitality: There were 47 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Installation Dinner will be held on December 7th, 2010. Reservation forms are in the Breccia. The deadline for reservations is November 23rd.

PLAC: Bill Spence reported that the Clear Creek Management plan is going for compliance review. Some access to Clear Creek could come as early as April 2011.

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey reported that the fall business meeting is next weekend in Visalia. Some Federation sponsored field trips are coming up soon. There will be single item competition at our show in April. The CFMS Show will be hosted by the Anderson Club in 2011.

Field Trips: Dean Welder presented information on a few upcoming trips. There is a Rockhound estate silent auction at Dean and Karen Welder's home on October 31st.

2011 Show: There will be a show meeting on December 13th. Sign up for the Business Card Distribution contest with June Harris. There are open positions that need to be filled for the show.

Member Displays: See Breccia for details.

Nominating Committee: Max Casey, R. K. Owen, and Sharon Updyke made many phone calls to fill out the nominations for the upcoming elections. The nominees are: President – Randy Harris; Vice-President – Carol Pimentel; Treasurer – Frank Mullaney; Secretary – open; Editor – June Harris; Federation Director – Ruth Bailey; Alternate Federation Director – Chuck Boblenz; Directors – Marc Mullaney, Rick Kennedy, Art Pimentel, Michael Paone; Parliamentarian – Dean Welder; and Historian – Michael Paone. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Program: John Lynch and Marc Mullaney presented some photos of one of their diving trips to Baja California. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Harris, Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting
October 28th, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the home of Ruth Bailey.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Nancy Reineking.

M/S/P to approve the September 30th, 2010 meeting minutes as read (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey).

New Members: M/S/P to accept John Lynch and Mario Garcia for membership (R. Harris, R. Bailey).

Correspondence: Show fliers from Livermore Lithophiles, Thank You for donation letters from CFMS Endowment and Scholarship funds.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/P to drop the members that are delinquent with their dues (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy). M/S/P to pay the bills presented (R. Kennedy, R. Bailey).

Old Business:

2011 Show: Reservations for the Kids Area are coming in. M/S/P to hold a separate event for the Boy Scouts to earn their Geology merit badges (F. Mullaney, D. Welder). We have confirmation from Richard Wade and the Fluorescent Mineral Society. There are about 32 dealers signed up so far. There are about six dealers from this year that are not returning for next year.

Installation Dinner: There are about 16 people signed up. The Marines have been contacted and will be there to collect the donated toys.

Field Trips: Dean and Karen Welder and June Harris were elected to the board of NBFT.

Insurance: We have received the proof of insurance forms for the Study Groups and the Cabana Club to cover club sponsored events.

Scholarships: The letters will go out this weekend.

Bylaws and Operating Regulations: Updates will be continued next year.

New Business:

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey read some proposed by-law changes, to help new clubs with obtaining insurance coverage, which will be voted on at the Fall Meeting. M/S/P to direct the Federation Director to vote in favor of the changes (F. Mullaney, M. Paone). M/S/P to approve the purchase of Officer's bars and pins for the outgoing officers (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey).

PLAC: Discussion was held regarding the plan for the Clear Creek BLM area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Harris, SCVGMS Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
October 28, 2010

Beginning Balance: \$ 14,083.18

Receipts:

DRC Sale	\$572.25
Initiation Fee	5.00
Gumball Machine	69.50
Rock Bags	7.50
Dues	100.00
2011 Dealer fees	5,270.00
Installation Dinner	140.00
Interest	<u>.13</u>
Total receipts	\$6,164.38

Disbursements

Scanner	\$413.40
Cabana Club Rental- Founder's day picnic	120.00
Cabana Club Rental	300.00
October Phone bill	24.76
Kids Area fliers	220.82
Breccia Printing	48.94
Dealer postage	33.94
Kids Area Expense	47.80
Ice Cream Social	83.38
NBFT Dues	5.00
Breccia Postage	61.00
Website yearly expense	119.88
Kids Area copying	<u>42.71</u>

Total Disbursements \$1,521.93

Ending Balance \$ 18,725.90

Separate Checking Account Balance \$ 5,500.00